Scholarship to drop-outs

1455. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether NCERT has decided to offer 100 scholarships to school dropouts who have completed VII/VIII but could not complete their studies due to financial or family constraints;

(b) if so, whether the selection process for the present scheme would similar to two stage format as is in vogue for talent search scheme;

(c) if so, whether the phase of examination would be conducted early next year and the selected candidates would be entitled to a monthly allowance of Rs. 200 p.m. and an annual book grant of Rs. 500 per annum; and

(d) if so, to what extent this scheme is likely to improve the position of dropouts from class VII to VIII?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Under the Scheme of National Talent Search Scholarship for Dropouts NCERT has offered 100 scholarships for a period of one year only on a trial basis for children who have dropped out of regular schooling after class VII.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir, the selected candidates would be entitled to scholarship at + 2 stage of Rs. 200/- p.m. for 2 years and Rs. 500/- p.a. as book grant.

(d) The students are expected to join mainstream schooling from Class XI onwards.

Buildings of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas

1456. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 17 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th July, 2005 and state:

(a) the details of the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas in Delhi, whose buildings are in a dilapidated conditions;

(b) the details of such schools in Delhi where infrastructure and other facilities/resources are not adequate;

(c) the steps being taken by Government in the matter; and

(d) by when such schools would be provided with good buildings and other infrastructure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) Government of India has not sanctioned any Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya at elementary level for girls in Delhi.

Filling-up of posts of teachers

1457. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has taken up seriously the non-filling up of posts of teachers by the States;

(b) whether in West Bengal the Centre had sanctioned 73536 teachers' posts between 2002-05 under the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan but figures available till March, 31, 2005 states that the State has been able to recruit only 17018 teachers;

(c) if so, the State where sanctioned teachers' posts have not been filled up under the SSA; and

(d) the steps Government proposes to take to fill up all sanctioned posts of teachers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

(c) The states where substantial vacancies against teacher posts sanctioned under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, as of 31.3.2005, were Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal.

(d) Since recruitment of teachers is the responsibility of State Governments, Govt. of India has taken up the matter with the respective State Governments.